

Section 4. as currently written in HB 6460

Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 16-331cc of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2011):

(b) The moneys in said account shall be expended by the Department of Public Utility Control as follows: (1) Fifty per cent of said moneys shall be available to local community antenna television and video advisory councils; state-wide community antenna television and video advisory councils; public, educational and governmental programmers and public, educational and governmental studio operators to subsidize capital and equipment, labor and staff costs related to producing and procuring such programming, and (2) fifty per cent of said moneys shall be available to boards of education and other education entities for education technology initiatives.

Replace above wording with the following:

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Comments:

RHCTV believes that PEG programming is created by the organizations that currently report to the DPUC. Individual PEG programmers presently use existing local access facilities and equipment. They also avail themselves of the training that is provided by local access studio personnel.

Allowing individual programmers to purchase capital equipment duplicates the efforts of all PEG studios. Moreover, upon completion of the program, the equipment becomes the property of the programmer and is no longer available for use by other PEG programmers. The idea behind allocating monies for local public access television is that the necessary resources will be readily available to the entire community.

Local community antenna television and video advisory councils, and state-wide community antenna television and video advisory councils are not chartered to create Programming and have no need of the funding proposed.

Respectfully Submitted ,
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